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PICTURE OF THE MONTH

N.Z. Horse Wins 1954 Cup!

Picture shows Rising Fast (Alonzo-Faster), ridden by J. Purtell, returning to scale after winning the 1954 Melbourne Cup from Hellion, with outsider Gay Helios third. Rising Fast, owned by Mr. L. R. Spring, has been the outstanding horse of the season since his owner brought him from New Zealand, winning six-in-a-row up to the Cup, and again in the C. B. Fisher Plate the following Saturday. Rising Fast, bought for only 325 gns., is only the fourth horse to win the Caulfield Cup-Melbourne Cup double. Members who saw the Cup were enthusiastic in praise of his performance.

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KEEPING POSTED

NOW that Christmas will so soon be with us again, members are reminded of the advantages of visiting the First Floor at certain times toward the Holidays — when many appropriate items are disposed of in the traditional way.

OUITE a party of members travelled the thirsty road to Newcastle on 13th November for the Newcastle Tattersall's Meeting - and were, as usual, amply rewarded by the unfailing hospitality of our friends up there, as well as by a fine day's Arthur and Mrs. racing. McCamley went to the meeting with Battle. Step, unfortunately not successful in the Tattersall's Cup. The Cup, main event of the afternoon, was won by outsider Roadside at 20/1. It's recorded whether anv not of our members were on the winner-but win, lose or draw, it was voted a wonderful day!



DOWN from Grafton last month was new member Arthur Murray - named particularly among many friends we have seen recently from our ranks of country members, because he made such good and welcome use of his Club's facilities while he was here.

TT'S to be hoped that Claude Parker had a shilling or two on Silver Phantom when the horse won the Horsley Handicap, a six-furlong sprint, at Warwick Farm during November. Silver Phantom had made a most unusual recovery from a broken sesamoid, and much of the credit goes to the resting and convalescent diet at Claude's Erambie Park, a sort of super guest-house for thoroughbreds at Pennant Hills - see the Magazine for September. Trainer Jack Green is to be congratulated on his faith that a recovery and return to training was possible for the gelding—it will set a precedent.

THERE are a number of members back again from overseas to spend Christmas in the best place of all-home. Among many others we bring to mind L. G. Wills, J. H. E. Nathan, W. G. Bown, Arthur Norton.

EDITORIAL: Christmas

We should in this season turn aside from earthy tasks to contemplate the significance of the spiritual endowments that so few pause to ponder in the workaday round.

What do these higher influences mean - and how much?

Is the immediate, with its assured and satisfying fleshpots, worth sacrificing for the ultimate which, the cynical contend, is but a promissory note, backed by the Bank of Faith?

Is everything a reward in terms of the sensual, and the obligation only to garner?

Those are questions which everyone must submit to personal analysis. They are best answered by promptings of the conscience. But con

science calls for pause; an appraisal of the intangibles, to which so many are indebted, and so few dedicated: pity, compassion, devotion, unselfish service, the giving without expectation of the gain.

Who are the people and what are the causes to which the more fortunate in health and material possessions are obligated?

What's goodwill worth when expressed glibly or

by a money gift that does not hurt? Such is the questioning that at this season should

not only invade men's minds, but should verily enter men's hearts, bringing revelation by a sublime illumination; the reflected glory of the heavenly Throne.

Happy Birthday to You!

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A GREAT day for Caringbahthe days that Bunny Durkin, J. S. Newall and Les Hooker threw open the doors of their brand new Hotel Caringbah. Quite a few members were there to admire and to partake of a little hospitality. Nicest gesture of the proprietors was that the whole of the "takings" of the first day was allotted to various

charities.

THERE will be a new crop of fish stories around soon; Des Collins, currently on a holiday at Forster, will be back soon after your read this note.

RRUCE KENNEDY is visiting Noumea-strictly business. But it would be hard not to mix in a little pleasure among the hospitable Frenchmen of New Caledonia.

W ORE members who have returned to the best place for Christmas-home. A. J. Boulton, F. D. Foster, and Keith Hunt. from the All back Kingdom.

CONGRATULATIONS are in order again for E. E. Warren -elected recently to the Legislative Council. It's only a short while since we were wishing him well for his term as Chairman of the Colliery Proprietors' Association.

R. H. Parker W. A. Grange B. A. Mathew-A. Granger son 30 R. H. Alderson 31 F. D. Powell

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

DANCING and CONCERT NIGHT

Dining Room, Saturday, 18th December, 1954

Commencing 6.30 p.m.

Cover Charge, 5/- per person

Reservations may be made at Club Office.

OFF for further professional study is Dr. Henry Seamonds — be's going overseas in a week or two, to U.S.A. and U.K. Brother Nat will be with him part of the way.

A WARM welcome was lying in wait for Barney Fay, just back from overseas-he thoroughly enjoyed it, and so did his many friends.

CONGRATULATIONS, particularly from the printers among our membership, go to John Holman, newly elected President of the Australian Printing and Allied Trades The Federation. Employers' Federation held their annual convention in West Australia this year - a grand way of business with combining pleasure.

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From Previous Page

T HE month of December will be highlighted by events in the Club — it is a long time since members were offered such a variety of entertainment in the friendly atmosphere of their own Club. The month's Dancing and Concert Night is down for the 18th; the Chairman and Committee's Cocktail Party for Thursday, 23rd. The Club tender Bowling "Thanksgiving" to Double Bay on 16th December - and the Club have their Swimming Christmas Scramble on a date vet determined. Then there is the Club's New Year Eve Dance on 31st Decemberand last, but certainly not least, the Club's Annual Race Meeting at Randwick, a double-header, on Tuesday, 28th December, and New Year's Day, 1st January. After that, you can rest and recuperate.

GOOD to see Malcolm Fuller back after a serious operation — and in fine form in the Swimming Club, it's reported.

THE Editor is particularly grateful, in this season of Goodwill to All, to the writers of the activities of the Swimming, Bowling and Handball sections—writers who prefer to remain anonymous. And to many journalists, both inside and outside the Club who helped with articles of interest, and with the series, "Australian Studs." A festive and happy Christmas to you all!

NOTICE

Members are notifed that no restriction will be placed on the number of visitors members may introduce to the Club.

> M. D. J. Dawson, Secretary.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB

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New Year's Eve Dance

31st December, 1954

Dancing from 8.30 p.m.



SINGLE TICKETS, £2/2/-

INCLUDING SUPPER

TABLE RESERVATIONS TO BE MADE BEFOREHAND

M. D. J. DAWSON, Secretary.

TEST MATCH DATES

2nd Test — December 17th to December 23rd, at Sydney.

3rd Test — December 31st to January 6th, at Melbourne.

4th Test — January 26th to February 3rd, at Adelaide.

5th Test - February 25th to March 3rd, at Sydney.

Christmas Comes but Once a Year * TATTERSALL'S

As you reach for the indigestion powder on Boxing Day; as you examine your depleted pocket-book and bank account in early January, you may be interested to contemplate How This All Began.

CELEBRATION of pagan festivities to mark the northern winter solstice - after which the days started to "get longer" - long pre-dates the Christian era. In the early Christian Church it was usual to centre the religious year around 25th March, the traditional date of Christ's crucifixion, following the custom of commemorating the death of persons rather than their birthdate.

The Philolacian Calendar of 336 A.D. makes the first mention of Christmas Day as the 25th December. The Eastern Christian Church celebrated the same day on 6th January, but the Western Church superimposed the day on the old Pagan Roman festival of "Sol Invictus," the rebirth of the sun ... a time of feasting. As

Christianity spread north, * Christmas also absorbed ancient Yule festival of the Norsemen . . . a time of eating, drinking, and ceremonial log-burning in honour of grow- * ing things, and particularly trees, which were often decorated.

The day of Santa Claus (St. Nicholas) is really 6th December, once a day of giving presents to children. Now this day has become entangled with Christmas, with ruinous effects on father's pocket-book.

Pagan customs persisted on Christmas Day and the Church * countered by the presenting of plays, pageants, and singing of the Nativity - the origin of Carols.

Does all this make you feel better?

CLUB

Sydney



The Chairman and Committee cordially invite Members to a

COCKTAII. **PARTY**

to be held on

Thursday, 23rd December, 1954

From 5 to 6 p.m.

M. D. J. DAWSON, Secretary.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE

Members are asked to note that the multiple-line number of Tattersall's Club will be changed as at 11 p.m. on 11th December, 1954, from M 4111 to-

RM 6111

M. D. J. DAWSON. Secretary.



Big 'Fields' in Season's First Races

Harold Herman had a nice win in the first Monthly Point Score of the season, but Carl Phillips leads him in the 1954/55 "Native Son" Point Score.

BOTH of these stars have lost a second off their handicaps so some of those close astern will be heard from in the near future and the season's big contest already promises to provide a thrilling struggle.

The season has started off with a bang and in the six events already contested forty-four members have participated with an average of 27 starters a race.

It has been very pleasing to see, too, that the club speedsters, Bill Kendall, Carl Phillips, Bruce Hodgson and Malcolm Fuller, have all been amongst the regulars and have all shown good form.

Malcolm Fuller, the Club champion, has certainly only contested one race, but his reappearance was doubly welcome as he has only just recovered from a long setback through an operation. In that first race he won his heat in 20.7 secs.

Carl Phillips has swum 19.9, 20 and 20.4 in heat wins; Bill Kendall has put over 19.2, 19.4 and 19.8, and the combination of these two champions won a Brace Relay Handicap in 39.5 sees., probably the fastest swim for such an event in the history of the club.

Bruce Hodgson won a heat in 20.9 and other good race winning times were 21.2 by Alan Stewart and Bob Harris, 21.4 by Geoff Laforest (twice), Alan Stewart and Bob Harris, 21.5

by Harry Davis, all of which shows that the standard is already very high.

Since the last issue of the Magazine new members, Albert Sims and Dick Dowling, have competed with some success, the former taking a heat in style that suggests that it will not be long before he drops his handicap, and the latter, after mastering the turn at the end of the pool, getting down with the 22 seconds markers.

Hermie Doerner had his time trial and we are told that he will be with the 21 secs. brigade and will soon be a serious contender for the stars of the club.

Pleased to see J. C. Brice and Bob Adams in action once more.

Congratulations to Arthur Allsop on the birth of a son, Peter John.



BOOKING OFFICE FIRST FLOOR

A Booking Office is operating for the convenience of Members.

Members requiring plane travel, theatre or stadium seats, hire cars or floral work may call or 'phone M 4111.

HOURS:

Mon. to Fri.: 11.30 to 2.30, 3.30 to 7.45; Saturdays: 11 to 2.30, 3.30 to 7.

Bad luck for Jack Shaffran that his medico has ordered him to keep away from strenuous racing for a while.

Cuth Godhard has been out of the water for a few weeks, but is better and brighter than ever now, but George Goldie and Arthur McCamley have been under orders to take it easily for a while.

Must record the return of Fred Daly from the Canberra Wars. Won a final first up, too, and nearly swallowed the pool laughing when the boys traditionally hooted his easy win.

Great joy in the Chiene camp when Bruce had a second added to his handicap. Wonder how long he'll keep it.

Others to get a lift were Brice and Corrick, but Stu. Murray, Harold Herman, Bill Kirwan. Carl Phillips and Dick Dowling have all been dropped a second.

We're tipping there will be other casualties soon.

This month the Annual Christmas Scramble will be held and the opportunity given for members to meet in races to commemorate the season and the good times had by all in the pool.

Keep your eyes on the Notice Board for the date and be sure to be there.

Results

19th October. — 40 yards Handicap, 1st Division Final: W. Kirwan (27) 1, W. Kendall (20) 2, R. Harris (22) 3. Time, 25.8 secs. 2nd Division Final: H. Herman (28) 1, A. Stewart (22) 2, B. Partridge (24) 3. Time, 27.3 secs.

26th October. — 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: J. Shaffran and C. B. Phillips (45) 1, J. N. Creer and S. Lorking (51) 2, F. Harvie and H. Herman (49) 3. Time, 43.7 secs.

2nd November. — 40 yards Handicap: H. Herman (28) 1, R. Harris (22) 2, S. Murray (26) 3. Time, 27.2 secs.

9th November. — 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: C. B. Phillips and W. Kendall (41) 1, C. Godhard and F. Muller (52) 2. Time, 39.5 secs.

16th November. — 40 yards Handicap, 1st Division Final: R. Dowling (23) 1, R. Harris (22) 2, S. Murray (26) 3. Time, 22 secs. 2nd Division Final: F. Daly (29) 1, A. Stewart (22) 2, G. Laforest (22) 3. Time, 28.6 secs.

October-November Point Score

Final result: H. Herman 25, 1; A. Stewart and R. Harris 21,

2; C. B. Phillips 20½, 4; W. Kirwan 18, 5; G. Laforest 17, 6; F. Muller, R. Burnham and J. N. Creer 16, 7; H. E. Davis 15½, 10; F. Harvie, N. Barrell, J. Shaffran and B. Partridge 15, 11; C. Hoole 14, 15; P. Lindsay, T. M. Wayland and S. Murray 13.

November Point Score

With two events to complete it, the leaders in this series are: C. B. Phillips 12½, W. Kendall 12½, R. Dowling 11½, F. Muller 11, A. Stewart 10½, C. Godhard 10, H. E. Davis 9, J. O. Dexter 9, G. Laforest 9, F. Daly 8, S. Lorking 8, S. Murray 7½, H. Herman 7½, C. Hoole 6½, J. N. Creer 6½, R. Harris 6.

"Native Son" Point Score

Leaders in this series, for all points scored during the season, are: C. B. Phillips 33, H. Herman $32\frac{1}{2}$, A. Stewart $31\frac{1}{2}$, R. Harris 28, F. Muller 27, G. Laforest 26, H. E. Davis 24½, W. Kendall 241, J. N. Creer 221, W. Kirwan $21\frac{1}{2}$, C. Hoole $20\frac{1}{2}$, S. Murray 20½, R. Burnham 19½, J. O. Dexter 19, F. Harvie 19, B. Partridge 18, S. Lorking 18, P. Lindsay 17, N. Barrell 15, J. Shaffran 15, T. Barrell 15, R. Dowling 14½, K. Francis 14½, T. M. Wayland 13, C. Godhard 13, B. Chiene 12, V. Thicknesse 12.

* Members! DINE and WINE IN YOUR CLUB

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Neil Barrell Triumphs in "Amounis" Trophy

The competition for the "Amounis" Trophy successfully concluded with Neil Barrell defeating Peter Williams, 41-38, and thus succeeding in emerging from the competition undefeated. Congratulations to Neil for a very fine performance!

The last few elimination games resulted as follows:-Peter Williams (27) eliminated Eddie Davis (scr.) ... Peter Williams (27) eliminated John Dexter (10) 41-33 Neil Barrell (28) defeated Peter Williams (27)

PETER WILLIAMS showed great improvement in his game against Eddie Davis to win 41-30. Eddie Davis is probably our craftiest player and hardest to beat in handicap competitions of this type. However, Peter was not overawed by Eddie's reputation and went in full of confidence with the help of a very nice handicap. Playing beautifully, he kept winning his required number of points to keep the game safe and ran out a comfortable winner. Congratulations to Eddie for scoring 30 points from scratch against such an improved player.

Fresh from his defeat of Davis, Peter Williams continued on his winning way to defeat John Dexter, 41-33. John Dexter is a most aggressive player who goes non-stop from start to finish, but he found in Peter a very steady young man who, when the time was opportune, applied some pressure himself, and as a result Peter again had a comfortable win. John is to

be congratulated on scoring 23 points from his handicap of 10 -a fine effort!

After eliminating Davis and Dexter, Peter was installed as hot favourite to win the trophy. He had to meet Neil Barrell in the final, and Neil, having won the top half of the event without losing a game, the conditions of the competition gave him the right to challenge to a grand final in the event of his defeat.

You will recall that, in earlier notes, your reporter chose Neil

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as the likely winner, and despite the fact that Peter Williams was such a hot favourite and Neil. usually being a slow beginner, could have lost the first game, opinion remained unchanged, as the challenge was to be played immediately after the first game, giving Neil time to settle down.

However, Peter began as though he would win easily but, after a very nervous beginning Neil, gradually fighting back, gained a valuable lead of three points and Peter could not peg him back. Neil won 41-38-a very fine victory! Congratulations, Neil and Peter, for a very fine display.

Finally a word of thanks to our energetic secretary, Peter Lindsay, who organised the event; to Ernie Vandenberg. who provided the trophy; and to the umpires (Sam Block, Arthur McCamley, George Mc-Gilvrav. Fred Harvie and others), who unselfishly helped when called upon to do so.

THE HANDBALL CLUB DINNER

This has been set down for Tuesday, 30th November. As the secretary of the Club, Dave Dawson, has promised to produce a super effort, all who patronise this function will have a most enjoyable evening.

BOWLING NOTES



Good Start to Mid-Week Competition

The Mid-week Knock-out Competition got away to a flying start this month, and on the first day, Hon. Secretary, Alex Buckle, had ten teams battling out the first round, and all games were very interesting and keenly contested. The greatest margin of the day was eight points.

DETAILS:

L. Moore (Real Estate)	29 def.	V. Walker (Com. Bank)	21
A. Amey (Bondi Diggers)	24 ,,	R. Howard (C.B.S. Bank)	18
		E. Collins (N.S.W. Golf)	
J. Hall (Grand Lodge)		K. Ranger (Tatts.)	17
L. Lewis (Bread Trade)	20 ,,	K. Williams (Tatts.)	18

THE month of November is generally a quiet one for Tatt's. Bowlers owing to the sporting attractions in a southern State—and this year proved no exception, but with the boys now returning our social calendar is well booked up. The outstanding attraction is "Thanksgiving Day" to Double Bay on Thursday, 16th December, when it is expected to have eighteen rinks engaged.

Our first attempt to conduct a triples event met with such approval that it can be safely assumed this competition will be played regularly at the "Bay." Winners on the day came from the rink skippered by Ken Williams with

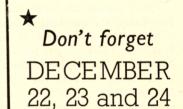
Jack McKendrick and Ron Spencer. Jack is playing in regular form and is a definite acquisition to any skip. Soon to be rolling them down is Committeeman Frank Carberry. He is taking a very keen interest in the game, and is now one of the regular Thursday visitors. Another new face with "Tatt's." is Arthur

Neustadt. Arthur since retiring has become a round-the-clock bowler.

We are pleased to see Ted Dewdney in attendance again, and we earnestly hope Ted will soon be an active bowler.

Stan Chatterton's bowling did not suffer any during his absence abroad. He was in rare touch in a recent game with Ted Davis as his opposition. I am told the scores were not a true indication, but someone has to be lucky.

Tatt's. Bowlers wish Al Mahony, President of Double Bay, a complete and speedy recovery, and look forward to seeing him on the 16th December in the Chair.



When there will be the usual ceremonies for the disposal of merchandise on the

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Viv Thicknesse Enjoys Remembering Play in Three Football Codes

A month or two ago the writer of this series of "Personalities" suggested that the Club could field a fair team in almost any sport or code you cared to name — always provided we could arrange that Time should stand still for us. This issue, for good measure, we give you a member who could take his place among the champions of Rugby League, who could match the best in Rugby Union, who could play a fair game in Australian Rules . . . Viv Thicknesse.

I NUSUAL to find a man who has played all three codes. Inevitably, the question is asked -which do you think is the best? Vic Thicknesse is tactfully cautious in answering, although it is fairly obvious that it is League that holds his most affectionate memories — for the simple and adequate reason that most of his friends played League. And, if you press him too hard, Viv will tell you that his real love is swimming another sport in which he reached close to the top.

The truth is, of course, that a true sportsman loves all sport, all clean sport — tending most to favour the one that has given him most in friendships and interest.

Viv Thicknesse — Vivian Arthur Thicknesse if you want the whole of it — played Australian Rules first of all. In fact, you might say he grew up in Rules. He played the game

first when he was a very little fellow at Glenmore Road School, Paddington. Glenmore Road is one of a small group of schools in Sydney that have always played Rules, making up a Primary School Competition with Gardeners Road, Mascot, and with Double Bay School, among others. It would be interesting to learn why there is this "colony" of the Southern Code among us.

Viv played Rules for about eight years, but changed to Rugby Union when he went on to Sydney High. His build—small, tough, wiry and agile—made him a natural for scrumhalf, and at Sydney High he played in that position, never leaving it through his long football career. He can't remember being at all outstanding at school football, but he must at least have enjoyed the game, for he continued to play after he left school—first for Randwick



Club, then for Eastern Suburbs, in the Juniors in each case.

The year 1930 was the key year in Viv's football. playing moderate-to-good football for years, he suddenly de veloped into a class player. He went straight from Junior Club Competition to Easts' Firsts in the early part of the season, and held his position easily for the rest of the year, and again in 1931. He was rapidly getting right to the top in Rugby Union, still as a scrum-half. That year he repped for New South Wales against Queensland, and it would have been only a matter of time before he was in International class.

But in 1931 Viv took a step he had been thinking about for quite a while. Most of his friends, particularly his friends in North Bondi Surf Club, were League players, and, late in the season, Viv decided to join them. League at that time was playing a more open type of game than Union, and Viv, the personification of the thrusting, elusive, heady half, took to

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it like a duck to water. He qualified, indeed, for selection to tour with his new Club, Eastern Suburbs Rugby League Club. in a trip to New Zealand. The fact that it was a last-minute selection made it no less sweet -Viv packed in a hurry, and had one of the most enjoyable tours of his career. Eastern Suburbs, fielding mostly their winning Competition team, did well against club sides in New Zealand and gained a lot of popularity for what was, to many New Zealanders, a relatively "new" code.

Viv Thicknesse was on the field again with Easts in 1932. The combination of himself with Ernie Norman outside him proved well-nigh irresistible. The pair were selected to play for Sydney (versus Country), and for N.S.W. against Queensland.

And the following year he reached International class, and went off to England with the Kangaroos.

It was a patchy tour. The Kangaroos did well against club sides, but were not quite good enough to take the Ashes. Not their least claim to fame was that they played against England in a pioneer exhibition game in Paris, a game that eventually led to the forming of League Clubs in France. Viv thoroughly enjoyed the tourhe was playing the best football of his life and was deservedly popular with both sides of the field.

Back in Australia, Viv played with Easts again until 1937. In the six years he played with them Easts won the competition three times. It was, in some ways, the Golden Age of League, and certainly the golden age of

Easts-at one time they were regularly fielding nine interna-Viv remembers his tionals! partner, Ernie Norman, with the greatest delight, of coursesharing his admiration between him and Vic Hey, who was later his partner in interstate and international matches. Dave Brown, Joe Pearce, Ray Stehr and Ross McKinnon, for Easts, Alan Ridley, a great winger, and Rod O'Loan were but a few of the many fine players that made competition keen in those years of the mid-thirties.

Viv Thicknesse played for Australia again in 1935 on a tour of New Zealand; and again in 1936 against the visiting Englishmen. In 1937 he was nominated Captain of Sydney, but he knew he would not be available again for international competition so he declined the honour to give some younger man the chance. He retired from competition play soon after.

And now a word of Viv's other love - swimming. He joined East Sydney Swimming Club and later North Bondi, at a time when it was unusual for young fellows to belong - Swimming Clubs were considered more for the veterans. The elusive tactics that stood him in such good stead in Rugby, gave him the edge in water polo in the years 1929 to 1932. In those far-off days water polo was mostly mayhem, but Viv and his teammate, Vic Besomo, proved too fast and too slippery for the smash and bash school. Viv represented N.S.W. against Victoria in 1931 in a series that N.S.W. won — in some ways he is prouder of this than of his many outstanding achievements in football.

Now, of course, Viv swims with our own Club. According

to well-informed members of the Gestapo, he suffers from being too consistent in the Club's pool—the handicapper has got his measure to the inch. Nevertheless, he has quite a few wins—and he enjoys every minute of it, which is much more important.

Apart from sport, the years have rolled by comfortably enough for Viv. For many years he worked at Bonds Industries, then he had a flutter for a couple of years as mine host of the Hotel Olympic — he didn't like that much. A chance friendship put him in the furniture-manufacturing business a year or two before the war, and later he took over the company of Morgan Mason and Co.

He lives at Bondi, has a girl, and a boy of 16 — who plays Union.

Viv Thicknesse can look back over the years at his participation in swimming, in Rules and Union and League with some sense of achievement. He can enjoy the many friendships that his sportsmanship has given him —the kind of friendships that endure, both inside and outside the Club. And, as the years pass, he has the interesting experience of seeing himself become almost a legend in the annals of League. For the critics of his playing days rated him highly. but not as high as the critics of to-day - there is a tendency, now, to regard Viv Thicknesse as among the very greatest scrum-halfs of the Code, as evaluation is made of that golden age of football. All of which leaves Viv quite unchanged and slightly bewildered -for he only played as well as he knew how, and thoroughly enjoyed the game for the game's sake.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB — SYDNEY

ANNUAL RACE MEETING

TO BE HELD ON RANDWICK RACECOURSE

Tuesday, 28th December, 1954, and Saturday, 1st January, 1955

Entries for the following races will be received by the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, and the Secretary, Newcastle Jockey Club, Newcastle, subject to the Rules of Racing, By-Laws and Regulations of the Australian Jockey Club for the time being in force and by which the nominator agrees to be bound.

First Day:

TUESDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1954

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SEVEN EVENTS — Added Money, £7,100
TWO-YEAR-OLD NOVICE HANDICAP
(For Two-Year-Old Fillies)
A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 23rd December, 1954; with £850 added. Second horse £170, and third horse £85 from the prize. For Two-year-old Fillies which at the time of starting have not since 31st December, 1952, won a Transition, Encourage or Trial Race, or a Graduation Stakes, or have never won a race on the flat of the value to the winner of more than £100. Provided that a horse which has won a Maiden, Improvers', Progressive, Intermediate, Advanced or Approved Race, or, as a maiden horse, a Mixed Stakes or Graduation Stakes, irrespective of the stake won in each race, shall not on that account only be maiden horse, a Mixed Stakes or Graduation Stakes, irrespective or the stake won in each race, shall not on that account only be ineligible to complete. Further provided that a horse which has won since 31st December, 1952, three Novice Races of the value to the winner of £100 or less in each race shall not be eligible to compete. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. Five Furlongs

JUVENILE NOVICE HANDICAP

(For Two-Year-Old Colts and Geldings)
A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 23rd December, 1954; with £850 added. Second horse £170, and third horse £85 from the prize. For Two-Year-Old Colts and Geldings. Conditions as for Two-Year-Old Novice Handicap. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st.

Six Furlongs (For Two-Year-Old Colts and Geldings)

THREE AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 23rd December, 1954; with £900 added. Second horse £180, and third horse £90 from the prize. For Three and Four-year-old colts. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st.

One Mile

weight not less than 7st.

THE CARRINGTON STAKES

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £15 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 23rd December, 1954; with £1,750 added. Second horse £350, and third horse £175 from the prize. The winner of The Villiers Stakes or The Summer Cup, 1954, to carry such penalty, if any, not exceeding 10lb., as the Handicapper may impose and declare. Such declaration in the case of The Villiers Stakes and The Summer Cup to be made not later than 7 p.m. on Monday, 27th December, 1954. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. (No allowances for Apprentices.)

(Entries close at 3 p.m. on Monday, 29th November, 1954)

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NOVICE HANDICAP

NOVICE HANDICAP

(For Three-Year-Olds and upwards at time of starting)
A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 23rd December, 1954; with £850 added. Second horse £170, and third horse £85 from the prize. For horses which have not since 31st December, 1952, won a Transition, Encourage or Trial Race, or a Graduation Stakes, or have never won a race on the flat of the value to the winner of more than £100. Provided that a horse which has won a Maiden, Improvers', Progressive, Intermediate, Advanced or approved Race, or, as a maiden horse, a Mixed Stakes or Graduation Stakes, irrespective of the stake won in each race, shall not on that account only be ineligible to compete. Further provided that a horse which has won since 31st December, 1952, three Novice Races of the value to the winner of £100 or less in each race shall not be eligible to compete. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. One Mile and a Half

DENMAN HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday, 23rd December, 1954; with £1,000 added. Second horse £200, and third horse £100 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st.

One Mile and a Quarter

PACE WELTER

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Thursday 23rd December, 1954; with £900 added. Second horse £180, and third horse £90 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. 7lb.

One Mile

Second Day: SATURDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1955 SEVEN EVENTS — Added Money, £7,750 (Including Gold Cup valued at £300)

NEW YEAR'S GIFT

(For Three-Year-Olds)
A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Wednesday, 29th December, 1954; with £900 added. Second horse £180, and third horse £90 from the prize. For three-year-olds at time of starting. Lowest the prize. For three-year-olds hand cap weight not less than 7st.

NURSERY HANDICAP

Two-Year-Olds) Seven Furlongs

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(For Two-Year-Olds)

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Wednesday, 29th December, 1954; with £850 added. Second horse £170, and third horse £85 from the prize. For Two-year-olds. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st.

Five Furlongs

FLYING HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Wednesday, 29th December, 1954; with £1,000 added. Second horse £200, and third horse £100 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. Six Furlongs

TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP

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A Handicap Sweepstakes of £15 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Wednesday, 29th December, 1954; with £2,000 added and a Gold Cup valued at £300. Second horse £400, and third horse £200 from the prize. The winner of The Villiers Stakes, 1954, The Summer Cup, 1954, or The Carrington Stakes, 1954, to carry such penalty, if any, not exceeding 10lb., as the Handicapper may impose and declare. Such declaration, in the case of The Villiers Stakes and The Summer Cup, to be made not later than 7 p.m. on Monday, 27th December, 1954, and in the case of The Carrington Stakes to be made not later than 7 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th December, 1954. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. (No allowances for Apprentices.)

One Mile and a Half (Entries close at 3 p.m. on Monday, 29th November, 1954)

ENCOURAGE HANDICAP

ENCOURAGE HANDICAP

(For Three-Year-Olds and upwards at time of starting.)

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Wednesday, 29th December, 1954; with £850 added. Second horse £170, and third horse £85 from the prize. For horses three-years-old and upwards which, at the time of starting, have not since 31st December, 1952, won a Trial Race, or a Graduation Stakes, nor have ever won a race on the flat of the value to the winner of more than £210. Provided that a horse which has won a Maiden, Improvers, Progressive, Intermediate, Advanced, Approved, Novice or Transition Race, or, as a maiden, novice or transition horse, a Mixed Stakes or Graduation Stakes, irrespective of the stake won in each race, shall not on that account only be ineligible to compete. Further provided that a horse which has won since 31st December, 1952, three Encourage Races of the value to the winner of £210 or less in each race shall not be eligible to compete. Nowithstanding the above provisions—(a) a horse which as a two-year-old has won any race of the value to the winner of not more than £1,000 shall not by reason only of that prize be ineligible; (b) a horse which as a two-year-old has won any race of the value to the winner of over £1,200 in the aggregate shall not be eligible. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. less than 7st. One Mile and a Quarter

HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Wednesday, 29th December, 1954; with £900 added. Second horse £180, and third horse £90 from from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 8st.7lb. Seven Furlongs

ALFRED HILL HANDICAP

A Handicap Sweepstakes of £5 each, £1 forfeit if declared to the Secretary before 12 noon on Wednesday, 29th December, 1954; with £950 added. Second horse £190, and third horse £95 from the prize. Lowest handicap weight not less than 7st. 7lb.

One Mile and One Furlong

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Cradle of Thoroughbreds

Australia's first organised race meeting was held on the Hyde Park racecourse on Monday 15, Wednesday 17 and Friday 19, October, 1810. Seventeen horses competed for the six main events, besides "several matches held between ponies." Further meetings were held in 1811, 1812 and

A FTER the crossing of the Blue Mountains in 1813, commanded exploration energies of leading citizens. meetings recommenced again in 1819, although it was not until 1825, when the first Sydney Turf Club was formed, that racing in Australia really went ahead.

There were a number of good stallions on the mainland early enough to beget our first competitors. Best of these were the English horse, Northumberland (imported in 1802) and his sons, Percy, Hotspur and Young Northumberland; also Rockingham (imp. in 1799) and Washington (imp. ex America in 1802). Besides these several stallions from Oriental sources, such as Campbell's Shark and the same owner's great early sire, Hector.

majority of importations prior to 1820 were of Arab origin.

Stride, imported in 1822, and Steel Trap, in 1823, led the influx of great English blood, which has not since ceased. From this time breeding increased rapidly. Bloodhorses were required not only for racing; they had a vital role in

the development of the Continent.

During the first fifty years breeding activity was centred in the County of Cumberland. Horses bred or used in the historic studs which were located along the Hawkesbury, the Nepean and their tributaries Eastern and South Creek, figure in the extended pedigrees of some of our best horses to-day. Early importations came from the best blood available in the world at that time. Instance Steel Trap:

This fine article by DOUGLAS M. BARRIE first appeared in the Magazine "Thoroughbreds," by whose permission it is reprinted here.
Douglas Barrie, who has made
extensive research into the history of thoroughbreds in the early days of Australia, will shortly be publishing an authoritative book that he has written on this fascinating subject.

In England Steel Trap was a good performer. Scud got the 1818 and 1820 Derby winners, Sam and Sailor, as well as Shoveler, the 1819 Oaks winner. Sorcerer, one of the best sires of his time, was a link in the Next Page, Please

ENTRIES are to be made with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club, Sydney, and the Secretary of Newcastle Jockey Club, Newcastle, as follows: The Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Club Cup before 3 p.m. on Monday, 29th November, 1954. Minor Races (both days) before 3 p.m. on Monday, 13th December, 1954.

WEIGHTS to be declared as follows:—For The Carrington December, 1954. For Minor Races:—First Day, at 10 o'clock a.m., Monday, 20th December, 1954; and for Minor Races:—Second Day, at 8 o'clock p.m., Tuesday, 28th December, 1954.

ACCEPTANCES are due with the Secretary of Tattersall's Club only, as follows:—For all races on the First Day before 12 noon on Thursday, 23rd December, 1954, and for all races on the Second Day before 12 noon on Wednesday, 29th December, 1954.

PENALTIES: In all races (The Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Club Cup excepted) the winner after the declaration of weights, of a flat race or races shall carry such additional weight (if any) for each win as the Handicapper shall determine (not exceeding in the aggregate 7lb.).

exceeding in the aggregate 7lb.) The Committee reserves to itself the right to reject after acceptance time all or any of the entries of the lower-weighted horses accepting in any race in excess of the number of horses which would be run in such race without a division; special weight races excepted.

The horses on the same weight to be selected for rejection by lot.

The forfeits paid for horses rejected to be refunded as provided in the A.J.C. Rule 50 of Racing.

In the case of horses engaged in more than one race on the same day, when such races are affected by the condition of elimination, a horse if an acceptor for more than one race shall be permitted to start in one race only. The qualification to start to be determined in the order of the races on the advertised programme.

Provision shall be made for three Emergency Acceptors to replace horses scratched or withdrawn after final acceptances and prior to the times appointed for scratchings on the day of the meeting.

The Committee reserves the power from time to time to alter the date of running, to make any alteration or modification in this programme, alter the sequence of the races and the time for taking entries, declaration of handicaps, forfeits or acceptances, to vary the distance of any race and to change the venue of the meeting, and in the event of the Outer Course being used, races will be run at "About" the distances advertised.

The Committee also reserves to itself the right in connection with any of the above Races, should the conditions existing warrant it, to reduce the amounts of the prize money, forfeits and sweepstakes advertised, and to cancel the meeting should the

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necessity arise.
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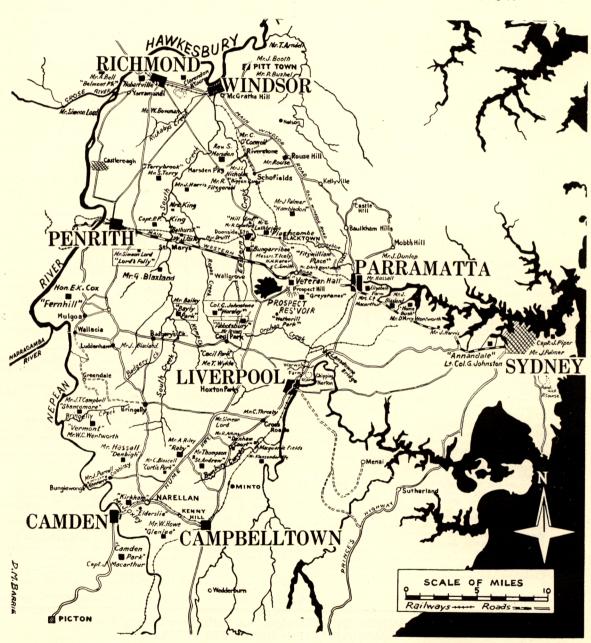
CRADLE OF THOROUGHBREDS—from previous page

chain that led from Matchem down to Hurry On and Man O' War. Whiskey sired Eleanor, the first winner of both Oaks and Derby, his sire, Saltram, won the Derby; while Diomed won the first Derby in 1780. Similarly other imported sires came from the most successful English blood of their particular period.

Cumberland County was the cradle of Australia's bloodstock industry. Early breeders and owners were men of historic significance, and many of their

homes and stud farms exist today.

Colonel George Johnston was the officer, who, at the instigation of Macarthur's party, arrested Governor Bligh in 1808. Johnston's stallion, Northumberland (imp.), was one of



the most used in early Sydney. He stood at Johnston's farm at Annandale, now the suburb of that name. Johnston's larger holding, "the King's Grant," passed to his daughter and her husband, Major Weston. Here, in 1817, historic Horsley Park House was built, where the first hunt assembled in Australia. with hounds specially brought from England.

The first Australian-bred stallion advertised for duty was Captain John Piper's Young Northumberland. He stood from 1804 at Hassall's stables at Parramatta. His owner was steward of the first Sydney Jockey Club and Point Piper takes its name from him. Captain Piper later left the coast for his "Alloway Bank" Estate near Bathurst, where he settled for the rest of his life.

Rival of Northumberland was Campbell's Hector, who was a great acquisition to the colony. His blood survives in maternal families. De La Salle traces back to a Hector mare. Hector stood first in Sydney, at Campbell's vard at Bligh Street where The Union Club, the A.J.C. and Stud Book Keeper's offices are to-day. His later owner, Mr. D'Arcy Wentworth, was the father of W. C. Wentworth, explorer and statesman. Hector's next habitat was the "Home Bush Farm" where the Sydney Abattoirs are to-day. It is probable that horses used in the first Blue Mountain crossing were progeny of Hector or Northumberland.

The Wentworths' larger holding was "Fitzwilliam Place" at Toongabbie, an important breeding centre in those far-off days. Mr. J. C. Osborne is to-day breeding fine thoroughbreds at his small stud in Fitzwilliam Road, on a portion of this old estate. A Cold Shower colt bred by Mr. Osborne was the

biggest yearling offered at the 1952 Easter Sales, standing 16.2 hands.

Friend of the Wentworths and one of the Blue Mountain trio was Lieut. William Lawson. Shortly after the Bligh incident, in which he took part, Lawson built "Veteran Hall" at Prospect Hill. To-day tall pines look down on Sydney's water reservoir; and mark the site of the house "and stables where such horses as Baron (imp. 1824), Theorem (imp. 1828), and the Colonial-bred Spring Gun stood the season. son of Steel Trap was the winner of the Produce Stakes in 1828, the Governor's Cup, the Wentworth Purse (twice) and the Town Plate. Lawson was among the most notable of the early breeders.

A few miles west, near Doonside, is the historic "Bungarribee," rich in thoroughbred history, and where Steel Trap died in 1834. Built 130 years ago by John Campbell, brother of Sir Colin Campbell of Indian Mutiny fame, Bungarribee was at times owned by three important breeders. The first, Mr. T. Icely, imported Manto, our first named

thoroughbred mare. She was the grand-dam of Flora McIvor and ancestress of the very numerous family that produced Trenton and company.

A later owner was Mr. Charles Smith, a noted breeder who carried on the thoroughbred tradition. Famous Bungarribee sires in his time, besides Steel Trap, were Rous' Emigrant (imp.) and Emancipation (by Toss, imp.).

Next came Mr. Henry Herman Kater, who imported Capa-pie, Tros and Kater's Georgiana in 1839. Cap-a-pie was a son of The Colonel, winner of the 1828 English St. Leger, and a grandson of the 1815 Derby winner, Whisker. His best colonial son was Mr. Charles Smith's bay horse, Sir Hercules, the sire of Yattendon.

Not generally known, is that this was a line of Eclipse which survived in Cumberland County for 60 years before being returned to the United Kingdom. The line ran thus — Eclipse, Pot8o's, Waxy, Whisker, The Colonel, Cap-a-pie, Sir Hercules, Yattendon, Chester, Abercorn (exported to Ireland in 1898). Patron, another offshoot of this Next Page, Please

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line, was also exported, to do well at the stud on the Continent.

"Bungarribee" was later used as an assembly depot by the Australian Agricultural Company when exporting our famous Walers. During the present century the property was owned managed by Mr. Tom and Cleaver. In his time Messrs. W. Kelso, G. Price, H. R. Telford, F. Williams, J. T. Jamieson, Bayly Payten and Frank McGrath were among leading trainers who sent their charges to spell in the paddocks which surround the old home. On the big oat-bin grooms have scratched the names of famous visitors. Clearly eligible are such names as Gay Ballerina, Chatham, Rampion, Pretzel, Phar Lap, Lord Valentine, High Caste, Lynch Law Closing Time, Satmoth. Ammon Ra, Prince Humphrey, Amounis, make up a list of notable residents, not forgetting the great Peter Pan, who went from Bungarribee pastures to win two Melbourne Cups.

The gracious old home is now a ruin, although the big barn and stables, which have housed good horses for over a century, still stand. What a pity that Bungarribee House cannot be saved from the fate which is rapidly overwhelming it.

Immediately to the north of

Bungarribee was Mr. Crawford's "Hill End." which may still be located to-day, between Doonside Station and Eastern Creek. Next door was "Flushcombe," the property of Mr. R. Lethridge. Hither came Bay Camerton in 1824 and here many colonials, such as Problem (1828), were bred. Bay Camerton's blood survives to-day through old maternal families. His sire, Old Camerton, was one of the gamest stavers ever seen on the English turf. He won a famous race against three Of these, one dropped others. dead after passing the post, one went blind and the third was never of use again. Old Camerton was later exported to France to carry on his stud success.

At the junction with South Creek was the holding of the Rev. Samuel Marsden, who dabbled in breeding and farming, apart from his more religious activities. Champion (1809), by Northumberland (imp.), was bred by His Reverence at Marsden Park.

Between Marsden Park and Castle Hill is "Hambleden," originally the estate of John Palmer, commissary general of the infant colony and the breeder of Palmer's Grey (1808) and Regent (1815). One of the State's most successful breeders of to-day is Mr. A. Meehan,

whose nearby Marylands Stud has in recent years produced Riptide, Free Rule and Nagpuni, etc.

At the headwaters of Eastern Creek, and almost next door to Park," "Horsley was Brown's "Abbotsbury Farm," where Model, the milk-white Arabian, presided over the Model establishment. equine was one of the few Arabs whose blood survives in old colonial families: the taproot mare, Myrtle (by Gemma di Vergy), traces to Vesta by Model. His sons included Australian, the winner of the 1825 Two-Year-Old Stakes, while the stout gelding, Jorrocks, was a close descendant.

One of the best of the early importations was Gratis (imp. 1835), a son of Middleton, the 1825 Epsom Derby winner. He stood in Sydney, and also at Mr. Charles Roberts' property at Wallgrove, just north of "Abbotsbury." Dinah, by Gratis, is an Australian taproot mare whose family was very successful in Victoria after the 1850's and included Mermaid, the Sydney Cup winner; besides Briseis, winner of both the V.R.C. Derby and Melbourne Cup (in 1876).

South Creek · rises near historic "Raby" and flows north to join the Hawkesbury at Windsor. Mr. Alexander Riley, an early magistrate and pioneer wheatgrower and sheepbreeder, imported Skeleton, Australia's first Irish horse, to Raby Park in 1827. This was a brilliant racehorse and one of the fastest horses in Ireland. "Raby" is said to be the oldest inhabited pastoral homestead in Australia. The present owner, Major Mitchell, is a grand old horseman and thoroughbred horses are still bred there.

Some miles down South Creek Mr. Henry Bailey bred some of

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the first racers at his "Bayly Park." Here, after 1830, the imported racehorse, Whisker, stood at stud, in between winning many races and matches. He was a son and namesake of the 1815 Derby winner. He died in 1834 shortly after Mr. Bailey had refused £1,400 for him.

Less than three miles away was Gregory Blaxland's "Lee Home," the starting point of the all important Blue Mountain expedition. To-day, close by is Mr. H. P. McCormick's fine stud, "Sundridge Park," where Edwardsii (imp.) at present is top sire and where such good ones as Prince Dakhil have been reared.

South Creek crossed the old Western Road into "Bathurst," at one time owned by John Oxley, the surveyor-general and explorer, and then flowed through the farms of Captain and Mrs. King, where one of the several Young Hectors did stud duty in the 1820's.

Messrs. J. Harris and Samuel Terry, of "Terrybrook," were prominent breeders, each situated on opposite sides of South Creek near the first site of the village of Castlereagh. Today, a few miles west nearer the Nepean River, is Mr. J. C. Bendrodt's "Prince's Farm" and Mr. H. S. Thompson's "Tarwyn Park" Studs.

The boundary of the county is formed by the Nepean and Hawkesbury Rivers. Actually outside the county and across the Nepean River, is historic Camden Park, the home of Captain John Macarthur and his descendants since 1805. Macarthur had been, perhaps, our leading breeder while at Eliza beth Farm at Rosehill, Percy, a son of Northumberland (imp.), bred by Macarthur in 1804, and Hotspur, Percy's brother of 1805, were among the first of a numerous company of improving quality. Over the long years

many good racehorses and stallions came from Camden Park, and Macarthur brood mares, like Gulnare (imp.), Cassandra, Alice Grey and Gedley, have many descendants racing in Australia and New Zealand.

Mr. William Howe's "Glenlee." well known in the early days, was just across the river. A mile or two north-west were two holdings of surveyor-general Oxley, "Elderslie" and "Kirkham." The history of Kirkham dates back to 1816 when Governor Macquarie made a grant of 1,000 acres to Oxlev. Although Oxley's original home, "Kirkham Cottage," has long since disappeared the coach house and stables may still be seen. Oxley died in 1828 and for some years his sons managed the old home. Bachelor was a notable importation doing duty here from 1830.

However, "Kirkham" won greater recognition as a thoroughbred home later in the cen-

tury, when it became the property of the Hon. James White. In his time "Kirkham" stud sires included Martini-Henry. won the Victoria Derby and Melbourne Cup at his first two starts; and Chester, who also claimed the same double among his many victories. That great son of Chester, Abercorn, was bred at Kirkham in 1884. Impor tations included Ayr Laddie, Dalmeny, Fitz-Donovan and the well performed Gossoon. Martini-Henry, although bred in New Zealand, came to "Kirkham" when a foal.

"Cobbitty," just downstream from "Kirkham," has long been a horse centre, and "Denbigh," the old home of the Hassali family, is nearby. Of later years "Cobbitty" became famous as the headquarters of the N.S.W. Polo Association.

At the junction of Bringelly Creek with the Nepean were "Vermont," the pastoral home of

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William Charles Wentworth, and "Shancomore," owned by Mr. J. T. Campbell, Sheriff of the Colony and Secretary to Governor Macquarie. "Shancomore" boasted three well publicised stallions in the 1810-1820 period -Abracadabra (son of Hector); Shillelagh (by Nelson, the son of Northumberland, out of Worrogombee by Rockingham, (imp.); and Abdallah, a "milkwhite full bred Arabian." The stud fee for the latter was "currency 5 gns., or in lieu of money payment, 12 bushels of good storable wheat."

Mulgoa, near the junction of the Warragamba and Nepean Rivers, was the Cox country. The three brothers were sons of William Cox, of Sydney and Richmond, who built the first road to Bathurst. Henry Cox's homestead, "Glenmore," is now a country club of that name. George Cox's "Wimbourn" was the stud home of the good early racehorse, Chase, in the 1820's. Chase was a son of Bay Camerton (imp.).

In 1842 Edward Cox built the beautiful home at "Fernhill." which his son, the Hon. E. K. Cox, made the showplace of the Commonwealth when Yattendon was top sire. Chester was bred at Fernhill and also the unbeaten Grand Flaneur, who was another of the select company to win the Victoria Derby and Melbourne Cup double. The Fernhill Handicap, run at Randwick, owes its name to this famous "Fernhill" House is old stud. an architectural gem wrought from local stone and timber and will look down on the grave of Yattendon and out across the cradle of the Australian thoroughbred for many another year.

Overlooking the rich flats, beside which the Grose joins the

Nepean to become the Hawkesbury River, is "Hobartville." Records in the Mitchell Library disclose it was known as "Hobart Ville" since 1816 or earlier. The home of the Reynolds family for over half a century, "Hobartville" had produced fine horses for famous owners for almost the previous Maribyrnong. century. Whiffler, Grand Flaneur have in turn been the boss there; while recent notables, like Temeraire and Moorland, have come from Hobartville sires and Hawkesbury pastures.

Clarendon racecourse lies between Richmond and Windsorone of Australia's oldest racecourses and another old Cox home. Near Windsor, Mr. Charles Smith had "Clifton" and across the river were notable horse breeders like the Bald-One of the most celewins. brated performers of the early racing days was Scratch. Bred and reared on the Hawkesbury. it was nothing for Scratch to travel 30 or 40 miles to a meeting.

From these old homes within forty miles of Sydney came horses that were to establish a breed of stayers as fine as any in the world. From the time of Jorrocks, the iron gelding, Spring Gun and Scratch, until the present day, the County of Cumberland has continued to contribute some of the best racehorses.

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RECORD BLOODSTOCK AIRLIFT

Four planes, each carrying six yearlings, left Shannon Airport recently, bound for the United States. These twenty-four yearlings were the first of sixty-one thoroughbreds, the property of the Aga Khan, which are being sent to American sales this year. The yearlings were auctioned at the Saratoga Sales as were twelve horses in training which were flown to the U.S. a week after the yearlings.

SIX years ago the Aga Khan exported one of his horses in training — Noor — which was to become an American legend. He beat the American champion, Citation, at the first time of asking. Then, just to prove it was no fluke, he beat him four times in a row.

One of the most interesting of the horses the Aga Khan sold at Saratoga was Lizanno, by Royal Charger out of Brav Melody. He is a full brother to the 1953 Newmarket 1,000 Guineas winner, Happy Laughter. This type of breeding is very fashionable in the U.S. at the moment, so much so indeed that both Royal Charger and Bray Melody are recent American "buys" from Ireland.

Noor made such an impression in America that his sire. Nasrullah, which stood in Ireland, was bought and transported to the U.S. At his last court in Ireland one of his visiting mares was the American mare, Singing Grass, by War Admiral. She returned America and her Nasrullah foal was named Never Say Die. It was sent across the Atlantic to race in England—and won this year's Epsom Derby.

Nasrullah is by Nearco out of Mumtaz Begum and a full sister of his, Rivaz, is one of the brood mares bound for Keeneland, which should cause a lot of interest. Mumtaz Begum, dam of Nasrullah and Rivaz, has a wonderful record. She is also dam of Darbhanga, a successful sire in Scandinavia, and of the speedy filly, Tessa Gillian. But maybe her most important female produce is Sun Princess. This mare is the dam of Royal Charger, one of the most successful stallions ever to stand in Ireland. Last year he was exported to the U.S. and has completed his first year of stud duties there.

Another Keeneland bound brood mare which should cause a stir is the English and Irish Oaks winner, Masaka, by Nearco out of Majedah by Mahmoud.
Masaka is in foal to Tulyar.
Peculiarly enough, though the
Derby is the highest prize for
colts and the Oaks for fillies, no
mating of a Derby winner with
an Oaks winner has ever produced a great horse. But this
won't stop people bidding for a
foal by Tulyar out of Masaka!

The Aga Khan has a most successful record with his bloodstock in Europe, and he has sent to America Mahmoud, one of America's most successful sires, and, more recently, Alibhai, who is the sire of this year's Kentucky Derby winner, Determine. Sold at the Keeneland sales for 12,000 dollars, and the winner to date of over 300,000 dollars. Determine was a wonderful bargain.



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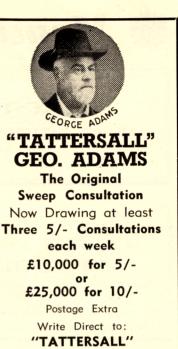
VINETEEN hundred and thirty-three was the year that Bill McDonald, A. J. Matthews and trainer Mick Polson took Winooka to the States, following in the footsteps of Phar Lap's connections of the year before. Winooka never struck true form on the American tracks - perhaps his greatest claim to fame over there is that he became about the first of a series of Australian thoroughbreds to try his luck over there, culminating in horses like Shannon that have now established

a great name for Australian bloodstock in America.

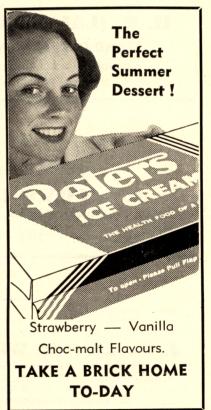
DECEMBER, 1933, saw the close of an interesting series in the popular Inter-Club Competitions. The year had resulted in a dead-heat between Masonic and City Tattersall's, two points ourselves The play-off, at away, third. R.A.C. in the early part of December, resulted in a win for City Tatt's in the Bridge, the Billiards and the Snooker, with Masonic taking the Dominoes. Many of our members were present when City Tatt's were declared the winners of the 1933 series.

TATTERSALL'S Golf Club contested the second time for the A. C. Inham Cup at the end of November, 1933. Play was at Pymble, and the popular event resulted in a tie between John Hickey and G. J. Watson—the latter winning the playoff. Each achieved a net 68—John Hickey was playing off 19 in those days, Watson off 14. The magazine records that it was a thoroughly enjoyable day.

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